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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.

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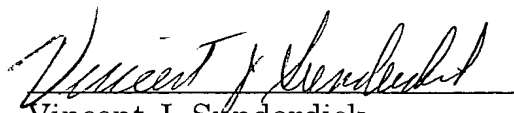
Entitled: **REAR COVERING PART WITH A TAIL PIPE ORIFICE**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 20 claims (pages 1-20).
2. 2 Sheets Formal Drawings Showing Figs. 1-2.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (**Unexecuted**)
4. Application Data Sheet (1 page)
5. Certified copy of Priority Document 102 58 250.5 filed in Germany on 13 December 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
6. Information Disclosure Statement w/ 2 references.

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